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Claim 19, line 2, delete "the step of".

Please add the following claims:

-- ⁶ 24. A method of treating chronic rheumatoid arthritis, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a pharmaceutical composition comprising an antibody against an interleukin-6 receptor and a physiologically acceptable carrier.

⁷ 25. The method according to claim ⁶ 24, wherein the antibody suppresses abnormal growth of synovial cells.

⁸ 26. The method according to claim ⁶ 24, wherein the antibody is an antibody against a human interleukin-6 receptor.

⁹ 27. The method according to claim ⁶ 24, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

¹⁰ 28. The method according to claim ⁶ 24, wherein the patient is a human.

¹¹ 29. The method according to claim ¹⁰ 28, wherein the antibody is administered in four divided doses of from about 1 to 1000 mg.--

Abstract

Please add the attached abstract to the application.